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DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

This is a decision on the petition, filed on 24 September 2007, under 37 CFR § 1.181 to invoke the supervisory authority of the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) issue a Notice of Allowance and (2) refund fees paid in connection with a Notice of Appeal filed on 20 September 2007.

## The petition is **GRANTED**.

A view of the application indicates that the outstanding rejection of claims 53-55 was mooted in view of the Amendment-after-Final submitted on 21 May 2007 by canceling these claims 53-55 and the pending claims 1-5, 27-35 and 50 were allowed in the Final action mailed on 20 March 2007. Thus, the mailing of Advisory action on 31 May 2007 was considered as improper.

Accordingly, the petition filed on 24 September 2007 is **GRANTED**. The Advisory action is hereby withdrawn. The filing of Notice of Appeal on 20 September 20 2007 was not necessary, and the fees associated with filing the Notice of Appeal and the three months extension of time (total of \$1,520) is hereby refunded to the Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

The application is being forwarded to the examiner to issue an appropriate Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned whose telephone number is (571) 272-3613.

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